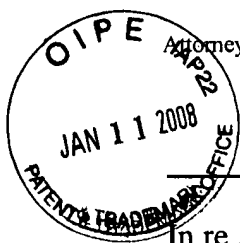


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In re Application of

Yves STASSEN et al.

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2007, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.